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Dear Mark,

The brief is, I think, excellent, much more pointed and stronger than the first draft, and less easily misinterpreted by the panel or a member than I've experienced in the past. It also is phrased in a way to attract the attention of a concerned member of the panel.

There also are a few scattered phrases that I enjoyed very much

I have the impression that you reorganized it in part and that this construction, particularly the beginning, is superior.

We will soon enough see and understand the future, but I am reminded of Judge Gasell's explosion when he had been imposed upon by Axelrad. The pun I've used with Jim is they've given us an axelrad, let's put wheels on it. I think that the simple, understated reference to the number of misrepresentations might, with a similar judge on the panel, have good results. I hope so.

I've written a couple of memos relating to what you may want on hand for oral argument but I want to read and correct them. I wrote this in haste because I want to thank you as soon as possible, to say that perhaps you've done something that can be good for FOIA, which was always my prime concern, hence the risk I've run, and to let you know that I do appreciate the additions that amount to a defense of my integrity. I do not pretend impartiality, but I do believe they strengthen the brief and take us out of a defensive posture, which, generally, is disastrous for the weak in contention with the powerful.

Now they have something to defend! And they can't without compounding their already serious offenses.

Something I've forgotten to mention: If any of you people take a weekend drive into the country, think of this place and bring bathing suits. We have five acres, a pond, a 40-foot pool, and kids, especially city kids, usually enjoy themselves very much. I'm even willing to risk Hitchcock's observation that I have only one head. It's about an hour from downtown DC except at rush hour. You take I270 off the beltway and stay on it after the number changes at the first Frederick exit (to US 15, then also US40), to exit 6W. You'll see a Holiday Inn sign just before this exit. Loop under the road you've just left to the Inn, turn right a little less than a mile from the Inn (Baughman's Lane) to a four-way stop at Shookstown Road. Turn left on it for about 2 miles, until you start up the mountain. After you are going up the mountain the first road on the right is Old Receiver. Turn right on it, stay left at the fork, and then on the right you'll see a small white house, then a larger brick house with a large carport and a TV mast, and then, as you start down a short steep S-curve hill, a patch of woods on the right. These are our woods. Immediately after the bottom of the hill, on the right is a paved lane. It leads to our home only. We are less than 10 minutes from the Holiday Inn.

Best regards,

